

REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 11-17 and 19-20 without prejudice. New Claims 29-36 are added. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 21-36 are pending. Claims 1 and 21 are amended herein. No new matter is added as a result of the claim amendments.

103(a) Rejections

The instant Office Action states that Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 21-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,757). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 21-28 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Ho.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8

Independent Claim 1 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed a computer system that includes “a user interface ... operable to change at least a portion of ... content on ... display, said user interface comprising a plurality of flexible layers of material fastened to each other along a single edge in a stack, wherein along other edges of said stack said layers are not fastened to each other and wherein said user interface is incorporated as a part of a housing that houses said computer system.” Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8 are dependent on Claim 1 and recite additional limitations.

Applicant respectfully submits that Ho does not show or suggest the limitations of Claim 1 cited above. Figure 2A of Ho, as well as Ho in its entirety, only shows a user interface coupled to a computer system by what appears to be a cable. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Ho does not show or suggest a user

interface having a structure as recited in Claim 1 and that is incorporated as part of a housing that houses the computer system.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the basis for rejecting Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, and that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the basis for rejecting Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on an allowable base claim and recite additional limitations.

Claims 21-28

Independent Claim 21 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed a computer system that includes “a user interface coupled to said processor and operable to change said display, said user interface comprising a plurality of flexible layers of material fastened to each other along an edge in a stack, wherein said edge is mounted on said housing without a cable external to said housing.” Claims 22-28 are dependent on Claim 21 and recite additional limitations.

Applicant respectfully submits that Ho does not show or suggest the limitations of Claim 21 cited above. Figure 2A of Ho, as well as Ho in its entirety, only shows a user interface coupled to a computer system by what appears to be a cable. Significantly, the cable is external to the housing of the computer system. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Ho does not show or suggest a user interface having a structure as recited in Claim 21 and that does not use an external cable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the basis for rejecting Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, and that Claim 21 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the basis for rejecting Claims 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on an allowable base claim and recite additional limitations.

Conclusions

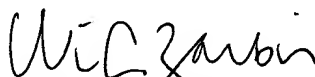
In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8 and 21-28, as well as new Claims 29-36, overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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